

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 7006**

LCO No. 5926

**AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH CERTIFICATE AMENDMENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 19a-42 of the general statutes is amended by  
2       adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3       (NEW) (i) The commissioner shall issue a new birth certificate to  
4       reflect a gender change upon receipt of the following documents  
5       submitted in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner: (1)  
6       A written request from the applicant, signed under penalty of law, for  
7       a replacement birth certificate to reflect that the applicant's gender  
8       differs from the sex designated on the original birth certificate; (2) a  
9       written statement by a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 or  
10      holding a current license in good standing in another state, advanced  
11      practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 or holding a  
12      current license in good standing in another state, or psychologist  
13      licensed pursuant to chapter 383 or holding a current license in good  
14      standing in another state, stating that the applicant has undergone  
15      surgical, hormonal or other treatment clinically appropriate for the  
16      applicant for the purpose of gender transition; and (3) if an applicant is  
17      also requesting a change of name listed on the original birth certificate,  
18      proof of a legal name change. The new birth certificate shall reflect the  
19      new gender identity by way of a change in the sex designation on the

20 original birth certificate and, if applicable, the legal name change.

21 Sec. 2. Section 19a-42b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

23 (a) In the case of a person who is a resident of this state and was  
24 born in another state or in a foreign jurisdiction, [if such other state or  
25 foreign jurisdiction requires a court decree in order to amend a birth  
26 certificate to reflect a change in gender,] the probate courts in this state  
27 shall have jurisdiction to issue [such] a decree of a change of sex.  
28 [When a person has completed treatment for the purpose of altering  
29 his or her sexual characteristics to those of the opposite sex, such] Such  
30 person may apply to the probate court for the district in which such  
31 person resides for a decree that such person's gender is different from  
32 the sex designated on such person's original birth certificate and that  
33 such birth certificate be amended to reflect the change in gender. The  
34 application to the probate court shall be accompanied by [an affidavit  
35 from a physician attesting that the applicant has physically changed  
36 gender and an affidavit from a psychologist, psychiatrist or a licensed  
37 clinical social worker attesting that the applicant has socially and  
38 psychologically changed gender] the following documents: (1) A  
39 written statement from the applicant, signed under penalty of law, that  
40 the applicant's gender differs from the sex designated on the original  
41 birth certificate; and (2) a notarized affidavit by a physician licensed  
42 pursuant to chapter 370 or holding a current license in good standing  
43 in another state, advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant  
44 to chapter 378 or holding a current license in good standing in another  
45 state, or psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 383 or holding a  
46 current license in good standing in another state, stating that the  
47 applicant has undergone surgical, hormonal or other treatment  
48 clinically appropriate for the applicant for the purpose of gender  
49 transition. Upon issuance, such probate court decree shall be  
50 transmitted to the registration authority of such person's place of birth.

51 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority  
52 of the Commissioner of Public Health to amend birth certificates in

53 accordance with section 19a-42, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-42
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-42b